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- [] 1. Elements of Unit Popov left the Olympisches Dorf at Doeberitz (N 53/2 65) for a major field exercise on 30 July 1952, and the rest of this unit left toward Nauen with about 15 trucks on 4 August. The unit took a motorboat, pontoons and military bridge equipment with it. A small guard detail remained in the quarters of the unit.
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- 25X1 2. On 9 August, Unit Kavalov received a replacement of 50 young soldiers. The unit daily conducted routine infantry training, and in addition much theoretical instruction was given in the quarters. [] a driving school. Trucks used for this purpose, in addition to those already reported []
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- no heavy weapons were observed at the Olympisches Dorf. Most of the athletes had left the installation. (1)
3. On 6 August, 50 to 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, partly with tank insignia and partly with AT insignia, arrived as the advance party of the already announced new unit. The advance detail engaged in preparing the billets. The unit was said to arrive on 15 August. (2)
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- [] 4. A detail of 30 soldiers was being trained to operate the technical installations such as heating and power supply systems of the Doeberitz military post. The detail was sub-divided in two groups of 10 men each and instructed by Russian speaking German experts. One such group was observed at the Olympisches Dorf. The instruction lasted four hours every day, and the group went to every barracks installation. The course was, allegedly, scheduled to last three months. (3)
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- 25X1 5. On 6 August, about 15 trucks, 12 of which hauled guns, were unloaded at the Dallgow railroad station. Truck [] towed a model 43 57-mm AT gun. (4)
- [] 6. Prior to 12 August, the Loewen Kaserne quartered 1,200 to 1,400 soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets. From 200 to 300 soldiers were presumably training at the Doeberitz troop training grounds. On 11 and 12 August, the noise of tanks and of firing with live ammunition was heard day and night from the direction of

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the training field. Red flags had been set up along the boundaries of the field. From observations previously made, source inferred that major exercises with tank and artillery units were being held and that unit from the Loewen Kaserne also participated in them. Many new Pfc and corporals were seen at the barracks installation. At 10 a.m. on 10 August, all the soldiers, i.e. a total of 1,200 to 1,400 soldiers wearing dress uniforms fell in at the drill ground. A band was playing, when Major Sorkin (fnu) appeared. He saluted and the troops answered with a hurrah repeated three times. The soldiers then left in groups of 75 men each led by one officer for the athletic field. They returned at 1:30 p.m. (5)

7. About mid-July, all old motor vehicles moved from the Loewen Kaserne to the old camp, where they were inspected by a commission. Some of the vehicles were retained. [redacted] they will be returned to the U.S.S.R. On 2 August, 60 new trucks arrived at the Ballgow railroad station. They were assigned to the various barracks installations of the military post. The Loewen Kaserne received about 15 trucks.

8. In early August, two training details of Soviet soldiers scheduled to relieve German personnel employed at various barracks installations in Loebnitz were formed. A group of about 40 soldiers was trained by a heating engineer, and another group of about 35 soldiers was instructed by the foreman of the German personnel of the Loewen Kaserne. The training covered the heating plants, the sewage system and electrical installations, and was allegedly to last three months. According to a soldier, the Soviet personnel is not going to work now but is scheduled to be held in reserve for special cases. Quarters were being prepared in building No 11 for 19 female auxiliary personnel which were expected to come from the U.S.S.R.

9. At 8 a.m. on 11 August, 10 trucks, each occupied by six soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, and towing 120-mm mortars were being loaded at the Ballgow railroad station. [redacted] Fifteen new [redacted] trucks were also loaded on the same train. Each of the latter trucks had a driver and an assistant driver, who wore red-bordered black epaulets. (6)

Comments.

- (1) The departure of the bulk of Unit Major Popov (fnu), which is believed to be the 18th (?) Engr Bn of the 1st Pech Div, was previously reported [redacted] The battalion possibly moved to Lake Demlin near Rathenow, where, according to some indications, elements of the division practiced in 1951. The field comment to reference on the identity of Unit Colonel Kavalov (fnu) remains valid.
- (2) The observation that members of the advance party wore tank and AT insignia would not support the previously voiced assumption that the 2d Light Arty Bg (US) was to occupy the Olympisches Dorf. [redacted]
- (3) The training of Soviet soldiers to relieve German auxiliary personnel was previously reported [redacted] the same measure was probably taken throughout Eastern Germany, because concordant information has been received from other military posts. For key to the numerical designations of barracks buildings as used in paragraph 9, [redacted]
- (4) This item of information probably refers to the unloading of a mixed artillery unit of the 1st Pech Div, whose return from Jueterbog was previously reported [redacted]
- (5) According to these observations, the exercises of units of the 1st Pech Div at the Loebnitz troop training grounds continued until mid-August, and apparently was on a larger scale than before. [redacted] Major Sorkin (fnu) was previously known as being stationed at the Loewen Kaserne.
- (6) Training of elements of the 1st Pech Div, probably units of the 294th Art Regt (US), [redacted] moved to Jueterbog. [redacted]

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